



MAY 2009



## Mounds State Park

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### **INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee. All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.

**PROGRAM LOCATIONS:** VC – Visitor Center VCP – Visitor Center Porch

For CAMPGROUND programs, the public can park at the campground entrance and walk up.

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 2- WELCOME BACK CAMPERS WEEKEND**

**10:00am – InShape INDIANA: DNR DAY WALK** – Join us in our Healthy Parks, Healthy People walk which will take you along White River's banks and around the Mounds. Participants are to meet at 9:30am at the Pool Parking Lot. Admission to the park is free May 2<sup>nd</sup> for walk participants who present an official admission coupon at the park entrance gate. Join INShape Indiana and download this free coupon at [www.in.gov/inshape](http://www.in.gov/inshape).

**11:00am-4:00pm – CAMPGROUND OLYMPICS** - Enjoy all-day events like ladder ball, cornhole, tricycle and bicycle races for young and old, and much more. Many prizes awarded including a State Parks & Reservoir Park Pass. **Campground**

**6:00pm – CHILI COOK-OFF** – Create your best batch of chili during the day and enter it in this competitive cook-off. For contest rules contact the Interpretive Naturalist.

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - This historical house is open for touring.

**8:00pm-CAMPFIRE FUN!** – Join us for some fun stories and games around the campfire, and then we'll have delicious s'mores for everyone! 50min **Meet at Campsite #3.**

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 3- FREE ENTRANCE DAY!**

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - The historical house is open for touring.

**2:00pm-ANIMALS DO THE GROSSIEST THINGS** – We all know there are animals that can run fast and fly high, but did you know there are some animals that excel at being gross? 30min **VC**

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 9 - MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND**

**11:00am- GREAT MOMS OF THE ANIMAL WORLD-** Discover some interesting ways Indiana animal moms care for their young. 30-minutes **VC**

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - The historical house is open for touring.

**2:00pm- JEWELS OF THE FOREST-** Hummingbirds love wildflowers. Join us as we discover these sparkling little birds and you can build a feeder to take home to your mom. 50-minutes Activity fee \$1/feeder. **VC**



#### **SUNDAY, MAY 10 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - The historical house is open for touring.

**2:00pm – SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE-** On this hike we'll look for some of Mounds State Park's beautiful ear bloomers (if raining, slide show of flowers.) 50min **VCP**



#### **THURSDAY, MAY 14 – FRIENDS OF MOUNDS STATE PARK MONTHLY MEETING**

**7:00pm – THE FRIENDS** - Get involved with the park! Join a committee, attend one of their many programs and special events, or just make some new friends! Refreshments provided. **VC**

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 16 WILDFLOWER WEEKEND & ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

**10:00am-2:00pm – PLANT SALE** – The Friends of Mounds State Park invite you to their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraiser. They'll be selling Indiana Native Wildflowers which are hardy and need less watering than "store-bought" plants. Support the park and protect Indiana's woodlands and natural areas. **VC**

**1:00pm-4:00pm - BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - The historical house is open for touring.

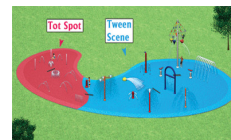
**2:00pm – EDIBLES EVERYWHERE-** Hike through Mounds State Park with the Interpretive Naturalist to learn about the colorful and delicious plants and trees we can find this time of the year. 50-minute moderate hike **VCP**



## SUNDAY, MAY 17

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - The historical house is open for touring.

**2:00pm - FLOWER PRINTING WORKSHOP**- Learn how to make beautiful patterns in fabric by using a flower's natural dye. Each participant takes home his or her work. 50-minutes Activity Fee \$1/person. VC



## SATURDAY, MAY 23 - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - POOL OPENING!

**11:00am-LUNCHTIME FOR CRITTERS** – Before you treat yourself to that delicious picnic, join us as we feed the nature center critters. Watch ‘em gobble down their favorite fruits, fish, insects, and of course worms! 30min VC

**1:00pm-4:00pm - BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - The house is open for touring.

**2:00pm- HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM**- Come learn about the new “Patch” program offered by State Parks & Reservoirs. VC

**8:30pm - OWL PROWL**- Discover the amazing life of this nocturnal raptor. Learn interesting facts about owls, how to call to them, and then we’ll go in search of them. 50-minute moderate hike. VCP

## SUNDAY, MAY 24 – MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - The historical house is open for touring.

**2:00pm- REPTILE RAMPAGE**- What makes a reptile different from other animals? Prepare yourself to meet some face to face. 30-minutes VC

**8:30pm – SENSE THE NIGHT** – Enjoy the sights, sounds, smells, and other special wonders of walking in the woods at night. Discover the special adaptations of nocturnal animals on this moderate hike. 50-minute moderate hike. Meet at the **Campground Showers.**

## MONDAY, MAY 25-MEMORIAL DAY

**11:00am-MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS** - Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Learn about the who, how, when, and why the Mounds were built. 50-minute moderate hike. VCP

**2:30pm- ANIMAL TRACKS**- Who’s been walking through the forest or your backyard? Make your very own animal track guide that will help you find out. 30min VC

## SATURDAY, MAY 30

**11:00am – HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM**- Come learn about the new “Park Patch” program offered by Indiana State Parks & Reservoirs. VC

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - The historical house is open for touring.

**2:00pm - WHAT’S BUGGING YOU?** - Go on an insect hunt with the Naturalist. We’ll look for our six-legged friends of the forest. 45-minute easy hike VCP

**8:00pm-NATURE SCATTEGORIES** – Have some fun while we play a nature game. Lots of prizes to awarded. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. 30-minutes **Behind the Campground Showers**

## SUNDAY, MAY 31

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** - The historical house is open for touring.

**2:00pm-CAVING ADVENTURE** – Did you know that Mounds State Park has six caves along the White River banks? Join us on this 50-min moderate hike as we try to find these historic sites. No hardhats needed. VCP



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: CAROL ARENA

Carol Arena has been a dedicated volunteer at Mounds State Park for over five years, and the park is a better place for it. She is sometimes called the “cheerleader” of the volunteer program because she is always spreading the word to others about joining.

Carol is what we call a “regular” too. She volunteers at the park every week working on projects like bulletin boards, landscaping and gardening, nature center upkeep, maintaining the organization of our workrooms, and special events, which sometimes include a fun game of tug o’ war.

Carol’s positive outlook and willingness to do just about anything asked of her makes her a jewel in the Mounds State Park family. There’s only one thing Carol won’t do: *“I don’t feed or take care of snakes!”*

Carol and her supportive husband Joe have also been members of the Friends of Mounds State Park group since it began in 2006. Carol is currently spearheading a new committee called the Young Friends, which encourages school-age kids to get involved with the Friends group.

**Carol, your devotion to Mounds State Park is truly amazing and very much appreciated!**



If you want to know more about how to become a volunteer or Friends member,  
call the Interpretive Center at (765) 649-8128.